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"AUTOMATIC FUEL VENT CLOSURE AND  
FUEL SHUTOFF APPARATUS HAVING  
MECHANICAL ACTUATION"

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This response is to the Restriction Requirement dated May 28, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please add the following claims:

38. (New) The device of claim 1, further comprising:

a baffle that substantially prevents fuel from splashing out of the fuel tank.

39. (New) The device of claim 19, further comprising:

a baffle that substantially prevents fuel from splashing out of the fuel tank.